

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3540, THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

MAY 30, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 445]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 445, by a non-record vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 3540, the “Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1997” under an open rule. The rule provides for one hour debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failing to comply with clause 1(b) of rule X (requiring a detailed explanation in the committee report on any rescissions or transfers of unexpended balances), or clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and the committee report).

The rule also waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills), clause 5(b) of rule XXI (prohibiting the reporting of legislation carrying a tax or tariff by a committee not having jurisdiction over such matters), and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances), except as specified in the rule.

The rule provides that the bill shall be considered by title rather than by paragraph and that each title shall be considered as read. The rule grants the chairman of the Committee of the Whole the authority to accord priority in recognition to those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record.

The rule also provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote takes place immediately following another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of questions be not less than 15 minutes.

The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend if offered by the Majority leader or a designee, after the reading of the final lines of the bill.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

